

TABLE OF FEDERAL COOPERATING AGENCY INFORMATION
FEDERAL LEADERSHIP FORUM
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	BLM	FS	NPS	USFWS	EPA
Agency Direction					
Regs	43 CFR 1600 5-23-05 Changes for Cooperating Agency Interaction	None			
Manuals	H-1601-1,I,E	None	None	Manual 550 FW1-3 (in prep)	None
Policy Guidance	Coop Agency Desk Guide, pub. 5-05	CEQ guidance/ expectation memos	Director's Order 12	CEQ memos 7/28/99 1/30/02	None
Department Direction					
Regs	CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1501.6&1508.5				
Manuals	516 DM 2.5, Change 3-18-05	FSH 1909.15 §11.31	516 DM 2.5, Change 3-18-05	516 DM 2.5, Change 3-18-05	None
Guidance	News Release 3-16- 05	September 1998 joint letter with BLM and USFS	same	same	None

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Practices					
Definition of “Cooperating Agency”	In accordance with CEQ regs 40 CFR 1501				
Accepted Cooperating Agencies	Federal, State, Counties, Conservation Dists Indian Tribes	Other Federal, State, and Local governmental agencies, Indian Tribes			
Letter of Invitation To Cooperators	Yes			Highly encouraged	Yes
MOU	Yes				
What MOU Specifies for Expectations Of Agencies	See Example MOU		Letter or MOU, see examples	Yes	None
Cooperating Agency Training	Yes, 2-3 Day Course With Notebook	Yes	No		
Public Outreach Public participation Training	Yes	Yes – general, not specific to coop agencies	Yes		
Use of Facilitators	Yes			Sometimes	Yes
Federal Register Notice for Coop Agencies	No	Known coop agencies are included in the NOI	No		
Consultants Use By Cooperators	As advisors				

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Practices, cont'd.					
Do you recognize Consultants As representing Agency interests	No, Only employees of agencies				
Acceptance of Coalitions of Cooperators	Yes, as representative of cooperating agency, Not in MOU	Yes, as representative of cooperating agency,	No policy		
Does your agency Allow a third Party contractor To represent it	No				
Does agency Provide Funding for Coop Agencies	No				Probably would
Does agency invite and/or accept CAs on EAs	Usually accepts upon request. Does not invite.	Accepts if meet CA qualifications	Invites and accepts	Invitation optional. Accepts upon request.	No

Conclusion: The Federal Agencies that are members of the Federal Leadership Forum are basically in agreement on policy and regulatory requirements related to Cooperating Agency Interaction. Only minor differences exist related to the funding of cooperating agencies and whether cooperating agencies are invited or asked to participate in the preparation of EAs. The BLM and USFS provide training relative to cooperating agency interaction, and the other agencies have not had an opportunity to develop training. The BLM invites Conservation Districts to be cooperating agencies and the other agencies have not come to a conclusion concerning these agencies at this time.